

Southern Flyer



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Talks with FAA yield pact for safer skies, better training

The skies around Montgomery will be safer and 908th aircrews will fly more often thanks to a Letter of Agreement between the Federal Aviation Administration and the wing signed Jan. 16.

"The signing of the LOA was a monumental event. The result of more than a year's coordination between Montgomery Approach Control, 908OSF, 908OG, 357AS Tactics, schedulers, line aircrew, Maxwell Tower and Base Ops. A project this big ends up having a little bit of everyone involved," said Maj. Ken Holston, C-130 instructor pilot, 357th Airlift Squadron, and one of the primary contributors to the cooperative agreement.

The new LOA is the foundation for the wing's new In Flight Guide targeted for release in February. The IFG, Holston said, is the "bible" for local training and lays the groundwork for the different tactical scenarios the crews can train with.

"The new procedures we've adopted with Montgomery allow us to fly to BUZZ drop zone regardless of the weather. This results in more realistic training, more events logged, more drops accomplished. I bet we'll see fewer events lost due to weather and the best

loadmaster currency numbers ever. I know the crews will be glad to finally see the new In Flight Guide (commonly known as the Flimsy). We've been working on this one for so long, I'm sure no one thought it would materialize," Holston said.

He also extended special thanks to Maj. Mark Harrison and Ron Baumgardner "for their help in the tedious 'tweaking' of the routes and navigational procedures until everything was just right."

Col. Norm Bell, Operations Group commander, points out the cooperative effort between the FAA and the Air Force Reserve pays benefits to both parties.

"It allows us to better schedule use of the nearby drop zones to complete our training, while reducing potential traffic conflicts within Montgomery Approach Control's airspace. The signing of the LOA represents the culmination of 18-plus months of labor to work out an acceptable arrangement," Bell said.

Praising the FAA's endeavors, Bell said the LOA "truly satisfies all the users of our crowded skies, better coordination and routing will really pay off."

Gene Earnest, Montgomery Tower air traffic manager and Russ Janney, operations supervisor, represented the FAA at the signing. Bell and Holston were joined by 908AW Commander Col. James Stewart, Lt. Col. Bob Britton, 908OSF commander, Lt. Col. Norm Ham, 357AS commander, and Lt. Col. Karl Schmitkons, 357AS director of operations.



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Honor guard takes center stage

Tech. Sgt. Barbara Durry, Senior Airman LeRoy Bell, Staff Sgt. Apen Phillips and Senior Airman Clyde Reliford contribute to the pomp and pageantry of the Jan. 12 ceremony marking the 908th's reorganization in compliance with the new standard wing structure for all active duty, Reserve and Air National Guard wings. The purpose of the restructuring is to enhance the service's warfighting capabilities. See more pictures on Page 3.

Current, former 908ers to pin on eagles

908th Mission Support Group Commander Christina L. Lafferty, 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Commander Nina G. Perez and former 908th Logistics Group Commander William B. Anholt are among the 229 lieutenant colonels who will get to exchange their silver oak leaves for eagle wings as a result of the fiscal year 2003 Air Force Reserve Colonel Promotion Selection Board.

Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center announced

the results of the promotion board Jan. 9.

The list of selectees is available on the ARPC Web site at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil> under "Promotions."

A selection board convened at ARPC Oct. 21-26 and sifted through more than 1,660 records to determine who qualified to assume the next higher rank. The board considered first- and second-time eligible reservists who are and are not in the Selected Reserve. The

Selected Reserve includes Air Force Reserve Command unit reservists and individual mobilization augmentees who receive drill pay.

After Senate confirmation, the selectees will be eligible to pin on colonel eagles in increments announced by Office of the Air Force Reserve's Personnel Directorate. The promotion effective dates will depend on the individual's date of rank and time in grade. (AFRC News Service)



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Col. Norm Bell, left, and Gene Earnest sign agreement while Maj. Ken Holston looks on.

This Valentine's Day remember love is more than words

By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Brian Harrison, 908th Airlift Wing

Do you remember the first time you heard the words, "I Love You" or "Love you boo?" Maybe it was from a sweetheart, a good friend or a family member? How about the last time you heard it? What did it mean for you to hear it? What did the person who said it mean? I often wondered why people say things like that. Especially when they are hurting your feelings. Ever had someone tell you off by prefacing his or her



comments with "You know I love you, right?" Whenever I hear "you know I love you, right" I get nervous because I'm about to be insulted or get my feelings hurt. So much is done in the name of love.

Lately, I've been wondering, what is love?

Some have defined it as an emotion. They say it's a feeling you have inside, the touchy feely stuff, the warm fuzzy. Others define it as a decision. I would assert that it is both. It is both an emotion and a decision and so much more. The bible teaches in First Corinthians that "Love is patient and it's kind. It does not envy or boast. Love is not proud. It is not rude, self-seeking, or easily angered. Love keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the

truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails."

Now that's love. When you consider what the scripture teaches about love, you realize that is much more than feelings and a decision. It is action. Love is what love does. However, love is not just action, but it is action that benefits others. Therefore, love is right action. As you give expressions of love during this Valentine season, remember love is more than words. Happy Valentines Day and God Bless you.



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Milestones

Then-908CES operations officer Lt. Col. Travis Dawson, above, and officer candidate, former 908AES aeromedical evacuation technician (Tech. Sgt.) Anthony Wise celebrate career milestones. Above, Dawson salutes 908th Mission Support Group Commander Lt. Col. Chris Lafferty upon assuming command of the civil engineering squadron Jan. 11, replacing Lt. Col. John Greaud III. Right, former longtime unit member and ex-908AW vice commander Brig. Gen. Robert Corley administers the oath of office to Wise, following his recent graduation from Officer Training and subsequent commissioning as a second lieutenant.



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb



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Reorganization ceremony con't from Page 1

Above, reorganization ceremony participants stand at attention as the 908th AW Honor Guard executes a turn in preparation for posting the colors. Right, Lt. Col. Jon Huguley (facing forward) readies to accept the reins of command of the 908th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

908th Happenings

February

Feb. 7 (UTA) – 42nd ABW Annual Awards Banquet, 1800 – Enlisted Club Ballroom

Feb. 8 (UTA) – Lt. Col. Dobbs' retirement ceremony, 1600hrs Officer's Club, Reception in the Pit at 1630

Feb. 8 (UTA) – Chief Induction Ceremony, 1800 – Falcons Nest, Gunter

Feb. 19 – 908th Potluck (Details to follow later)

March

March 8 (UTA) - Chapter 21 ROA meeting after sign out (Forshey POC)

March 14 – Maxwell/Gunter Annual Awards Banquet, 1800 O'Club

March 20 - Faye Williams' Retirement, Sahara Restaurant at 1100, RSVP NLT March 10 (B Ray, K Moore POCs)

April

April 5 (UTA) - Betty Voith's Retirement Party, Hoppers Lodge, 1800, RSVP NLT

March 10 (Forshey, Henley POCs)

May

May 3 (UTA) - Family Day
1000-1700 – Base Lakes

Any reservist interested in cross training to the command and control career field, should contact command post chief Maj. Nancy Stephenson or command post chief superintendent Senior Master Sgt. Jim Theusch at 953-2717 to set up an interview.

Public Affairs has an opening for a sharp individual with an outgoing personality and superior individual writing and speaking skills. The position is authorized as a Tech. Sgt slot. Must be able to go to 10-week tech school. Contact public affairs officer Maj. Jerry Lobb at 953-6804 for more details

The final opening is for a wing historian. This is an excellent opportunity for a sharp troop to step up to the wing staff. This is a Master Sgt. position. Anyone interested, should contact wing executive officer 1st Lt. David Lionberger at 953-9080.



Photo by Jeff Melvin

4-star visitor

Air Mobility Commander Gen. John W. Handy, right, talks with 908AES flight nurse Maj. Janet Broome during his Jan. 10 visit to the 908th. General Handy met with key unit staff, received mission briefings and updates, toured unit facilities and met with unit members like Broome who'd deployed.

Need a job change?

Wing staff has vacancies

There are several vacancies on the wing staff for reservists looking for a job change or seeking new challenges. Openings exist for command post controllers, a public affairs specialist and a wing historian.

Lordy, lordy -- the 908th turns 40

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The 908th Airlift Wing has airlifted everything from a battleship bell to the U.S. Mail, from a bagpipe band to screw worm flies.

The 908th has survived relocations, mission changes, aircraft changes and even an aircraft crash back in the unit's C-119 transport days. These challenges although taxing produced more than their share of success stories — and, yes, even a hero or two.

Unit Chronology

Feb. 11, 1963 -- the 908th Troop Carrier Group stands up at Bates Field, Mobile, Ala. The unit flies C-119 "Flying Boxcars," a two-engine transport aircraft.

October 1964 -- the unit moves to Brookley Air Force Base also in Mobile. There, the 908th builds a substantial record of humanitarian airlifts as well as taking care of regular cargo and mail missions to free Military Airlift Command aircraft committed to Southeast Asia.

July 16, 1966 -- a 908th C-119 crashes near Jacksonville, Fla., after losing an engine in a fire. The four crewmen and all 30 Florida National Guard members on board bail out safely, thanks to the pilot, Maj. Robert C. Coyle of Biloxi, Miss. Coyle is awarded the Distinguished Flying

Cross and the Florida Cross.

February 1969 -- move announced to Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala., the following spring and conversion to the twin-engine U-3H, a forward control aircraft. The 800-member unit drops to 275 people. However, another change was in the works: a switch from the U-3H to the O-2A, another twin-engine forward air control aircraft.

March 1970 -- unit arrives at Maxwell and converts to O-2As.

December 1971 -- plans to convert to A-37 jets are scuttled, an announcement is made that the 908th would return to the airlift business flying the C-7A Caribou, a twin-engine utility transport. The 908th is renamed a tactical airlift group.

March 1972 -- the first "Bou" arrives.

February 1973 -- the 908th declares itself combat ready; the first C-7 unit in the Reserve to achieve that status. A golden period for the unit follows. In nearly 10 years in the C-7, the 908th earns three Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards and dozens of other unit and individual honors including the 1979 Air Force Association Outstanding Aircrew Award -- the President's Award. 357th Tactical Airlift Squadron C-7 aircrew members Maj. Ronald Peacock, Capt. James Ballard, co-pilot, and Staff Sgt. Jerry Roland, flight engineer, earn the AFA's top flying award

for superior aircrew performance, in particular, their successful management of a severe in flight emergency while ferrying their C-7A Caribou from the NATO exercise REFORGER back to the United States.

June 1973 -- July 1975 -- the Air Force Reserve takes over the Coronet Roundup, the USDA-engineered battle against the destructive screwworm plaguing livestock in Puerto Rico, and the U.S. and British Virgin Islands, mission from Air Force. The 908th is one of two 94th Tactical Airlift Wing groups that flew bi-weekly C-7 missions, accumulating 1,310 flying hours while dropping 631,888 containers, each of which held more than 2,000 sterilized screwworm flies. The sterile flies were released to mate with fertile flies, breaking the life cycle and driving them to extinction in that area.

October 1983 -- the 908th converts to C-130E Hercules aircraft.

June 1986 -- the unit receives new C-130Hs. The accelerated learning period in the new aircraft culminates in May 1987 at the international Airlift Rodeo competition at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., where the 908th places as first overall C-130 unit in the world, and fourth place overall among all aircraft competing. This winning tradition continues with 908th people and units bringing home many top honors.

Desert Storm/Desert Shield, August 1990 through March 1991 -- 908th personnel

participate in the Persian Gulf War. Desert Shield support entails two rotations.

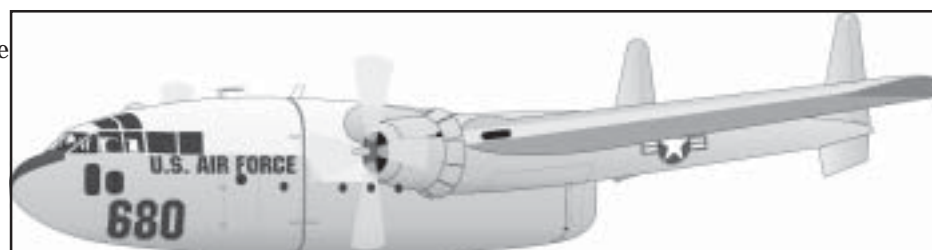
During the first rotation, 85 908th Tactical Airlift Group volunteers, primarily aircrew members and maintenance personnel, depart for RAF Alconbury, United Kingdom, awaiting beddown arrangements in the theater within 10 days after active duty forces are dispatched to the Persian Gulf. Those volunteers return Sept. 16, and a second group departs Sept. 12, taking part in intra-theater missions transporting food, water, vehicles and munitions. That group returns Oct. 11, 1990.

During the Desert Storm phase 65 unit members primarily aeromedical evacuation personnel are activated Jan. 21, 1991. Most of them deploy to RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom to support that base's aeromedical evacuation control element tasking to provide 12 crews for evacuation of Desert Storm casualties. Most of the activated personnel return by mid-March.

1992 -- the unit becomes the 908th Airlift Group as part of the Air Force restructuring.

1994 -- the name changes to the 908th Airlift Wing.

Sept. 15, 1994 -- the president calls up 1,600 reservists to support the military's mission to restore the civilian government in Haiti. One day later, the 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron sends 10 volunteer flight nurses and medical technicians



C-119 Flying Boxcar art

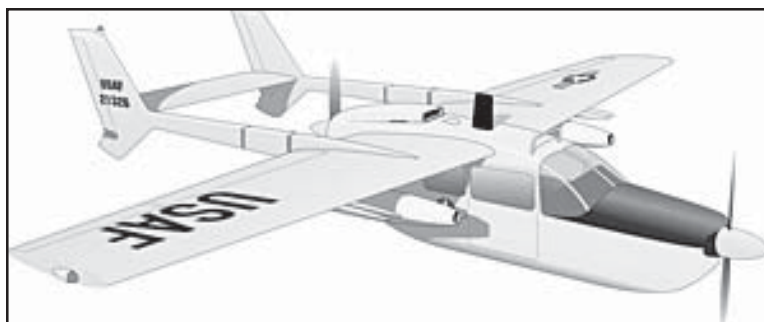
to support the Caribbean contingency nicknamed "Operation Uphold Democracy." On Sept. 17 and 18, six C-130s complete with aircrew, security police and aerial port volunteers deploy. By Sept. 21, with the invasion canceled, all aircraft and volunteers had returned to Maxwell. The Haitian peacekeeping mission was dubbed Operation Restore Democracy.

November and December 1996 and again in **January and April 1997** -- the 908th transports more than 70,000 pounds of winter supplies to Native Americans in South Dakota as part of the Department of

Defense's Walking Shield program.

Feb. 29, 1996 -- volunteers from the 908th fly to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, to support Operation Joint Endeavor, the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Bosnia.

March 1997 -- as part of DoD's humanitarian Denton program, 908th members fly five tons of medical and educational supplies to the Dominican Republic and Antigua. In February 1997, the 908th flies a Denton mission to Indonesia delivering 18,000 pounds of clothing to help flood victims. Previously, in July 1996, the 908th flew the first military C-130 for the Denton program



O-2A Skymaster art



Then-Congressman William L. Dickinson (R-Ala.) speaks to the gathering 908th's first C-130 aircraft, an E model. The unit began receiving its cu

Montgomery, from C-119 Boxcar to C-130 Hercules, move, multiple conversions and continues to excel

into Russia carrying hospital supplies for a prosthesis clinic in St. Petersburg.

June and July 1997 -- members of the 908th support the Coronet Oak mission in Panama. Coronet Oak is the continuing operation in which Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard C-130 aircraft, aircrews and related support personnel deploy from the United States to provide theater airlift support for the U.S. Southern Command. The mission moved from Howard Air Force Base, Panama, to Muniz Air National Guard Base, Puerto Rico, in June 1999. The 908th now supports the Coronet Oak mission two to three times a year.

November 1997 -- the 908th hosts "Inter-fly," the largest Air Force Reserve Command-sponsored C-130 airdrop training exer-



Maintenance personnel work on a C-7A Caribou

cise ever. The event includes 16 aircraft and associated personnel from nine states.

November 1998 - January 1999 -- 908th Airlift Wing and other AFRC volunteers assist in relief and recovery efforts following the destruction wrought by Hurricane Mitch

throughout Central America in late October. Reservists airlift food, water, clothing, and medical and building supplies. During this period, the Reservists deliver more than 10.2 million pounds of cargo.

Oct. 1, 1999 - Nov. 30, 2000 -- Nearly one fourth of the wing (255 personnel) deploy at various stages throughout this period in support of Aerospace Expeditionary Force Cycle 1 taskings.

May 2000 -- 908th aircrew competes against reserve, active duty, Air National Guard and international teams and captures Best C-130/160 title during Air Mobility Expeditionary Rodeo 2000, the Air Mobility Command sponsored airlift and tanker competition.

September 2001 -- within two days of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, 26 908th Security Forces Squadron members are called to active duty, primarily augment-

ing the security forces at Maxwell and Gunter in their heightened security efforts. On Nov. 8, 52 908th SFS personnel join the legions of reservists and Guard members called to active duty in support of the homeland defense effort, Operation Noble Eagle.

Jan. 12, 2003 -- 908th hosts ceremony to put a formal stamp on its efforts to comply with the Air Force Chief of Staff directive that all Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard wings adopt the new standard wing structure to enhance the service's warfighting capabilities by Oct. 1, 2003. Those changes include creation of a new maintenance group, and restructuring support groups.

The 908th's mission is a demanding one: Moving people, equipment and supplies in and around the combat zone. The unit is tasked to provide aeromedical evacuation and refugee airlift as well. As the only Air Force Reserve flying unit in Alabama, the 908th trains continuously for its wartime mission.

Some airmen can file taxes online for free

ST. LOUIS (AFPN) -- The Treasury Department, Office of Management and Budget and the Internal Revenue Service in Washington launched a new Web site Jan. 17 featuring private-sector partners who will allow eligible taxpayers to prepare and file their taxes online for free. A substantial number of citizens will be able to use this service.

President Bush proposed free online tax filing last February as one of his e-government initiatives. Less than one year later, millions of Americans will benefit from free online tax filing services if they are eligible. Treasury, OMB and IRS officials have made this possible through a public-private partnership with some tax software companies known as the Free File Alliance.

According to information found on the IRS Web site, Free File is an easier, faster and secure way for citizens to file taxes and will also allow Americans to get refunds in half the time, said officials.

"No one likes paying taxes," said Kenneth W. Dam, acting treasury secretary. "It's too confusing and time consuming. The launch of this new Web site is great news for millions of Americans. Free File makes it easy. Now they can save time, money and get their refunds in half the time by filing their taxes online for free."

Each FFA member company sets taxpayer eligibility requirements for its own program. These requirements will differ from company to company. Generally, eligibility will be based on factors such as age, adjusted gross income, state residency, military status or eligibility to file a Form 1040EZ or for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Taxpayers can review the list of companies, found on the Free File section of the IRS Web site, where eligibility requirements are shown company by company.

The primary candidates for Free File are those taxpayers who prepare their own taxes and still file paper returns. Last filing season, the IRS received nearly 85 million paper returns, while nearly 47 million e-filed returns.

"Free File puts e-file within reach of more taxpayers than ever," said acting IRS Commissioner Robert Wenzel. "They'll soon discover what the 47 million taxpayers who e-filed last year already know: e-file is quicker, e-file is more accurate, e-file is the best way to confirm the IRS received your return, and it's the fastest route to a refund."

E-government is an integral part of the president's management agenda to make it easier for citizens and businesses to interact with the government, save taxpayer dollars and streamline citizen-to-government transactions. A copy of the president's e-government strategy, which includes information on each of the e-government initiatives, is available on the OMB Web site.

A Free File initiative fact sheet, which includes list of the FFA members and frequently asked questions, can be found on the IRS Web site.



... of well wishers and media at the October 1983 dedication ceremony for the current H model aircraft in June 1986.

Get W-2 forms at MyPay site

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN) — Service members, military retirees and annuitants will have their account statements and tax information online courtesy of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's MyPay.

Active-duty and reserve customers can view and print current-year W-2 using MyPay, a secure, online system.

The system allows retirees to view and print their account statements. Annuitants can view and print their account statements and 1099R tax statements, plus they can print 1042S tax statements, copies of their report of existence and submit the form.

To use MyPay, members of the armed forces, Defense Department civilian employees, military retirees and annuitants can use their social security numbers and personal identification numbers to log onto the system, from a military computer, at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Customers with MyPay questions can call customer support at (800) 390-2348 Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST.

Next generation web portal testing in progress

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Air Force people assigned to Air Combat Command headquarters and several other units at Langley are participating in the first command- and base-level test of the redesigned Air Force Portal.

When fully operational, the portal will provide a single point of access to the right information, at the right time, in the right format and from any location, said John Gilligan, the Air Force's chief information officer.

Portal users will be able to:

- Personalize the display and delivery of portal information;
- Take favorite Web site links with them when they travel; and
- Readily access the best of Air Force content, tools and applications, all organized in a user-friendly format.

The new portal sports a standard look and feel, and standard index and navigation, said Col. Norris Connelly, director of systems and technology in the office of the Air Force's chief information officer.

When accessing information at different commands and bases, the same information from each facility will be in the same place with the same name. While only in the early stages of this standardization process, the portal will significantly simplify finding important and relevant Air Force information, Connelly added.

The portal also allows access to integrated content from desktops and new features so users will not have to remember a laundry list of user names and passwords when they use multiple Air Force sites.

The current portal allows for a reduced logon for registered Web applications such as the virtual MPF, My Pay and others.

One popular tool that will continue to be universally available -- the Air Force White

Pages -- allows users to look up contact information on Air Force people.

Plans call for the Air Force Portal to serve as the entry point to the Internet for all airmen and civilian employees while at work. Although the current portal is limited to .mil users on the unclassified network, future enhancements will include portal access to classified information via the secure network and access to the unclassified portal via the Internet from any commercial .com Internet service provider, Connelly said.

Besides accommodating every airman and civilian employee, the portal will eventually be open to Air Force retirees and family members, a universe of more than 1.3 million users.

"The new Air Force Portal represents a great leap forward, providing airmen and civilian employees one-stop information shopping for essential online information," Gilligan said.

The portal can be visited at <https://www.my.af.mil>. It can only be accessed from computers in the dot-mil and dot-gov domains.

Military association offers scholarships to children

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- The Military Officers Association of America will

give \$1,000 college scholarships at random to sons and daughters of military personnel, including reservists in Air Force Reserve Command.

Deadline to complete the online application form is March 1.

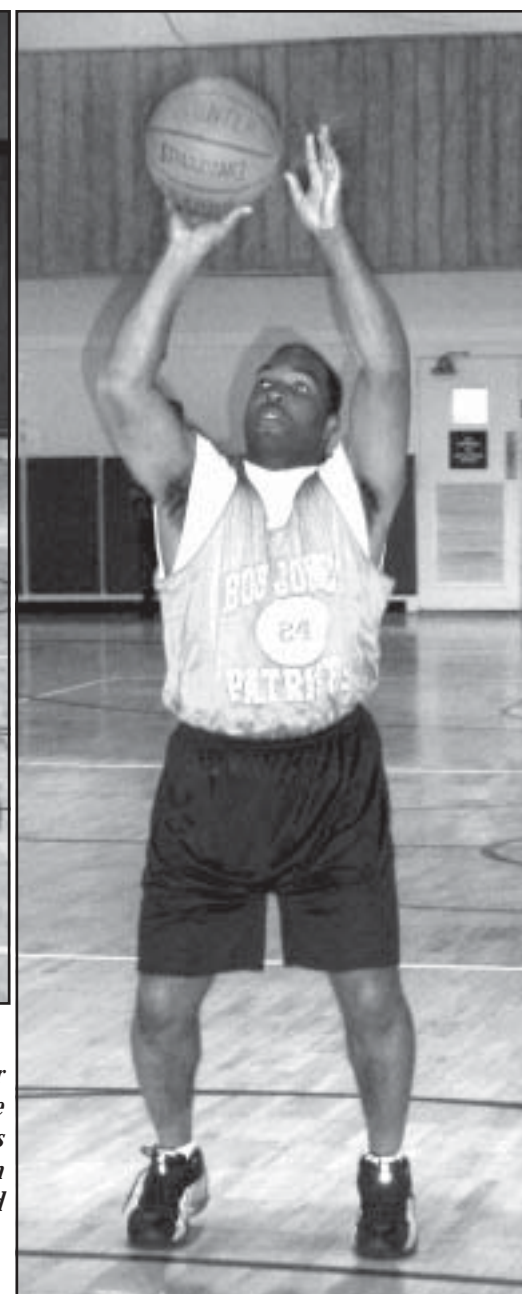
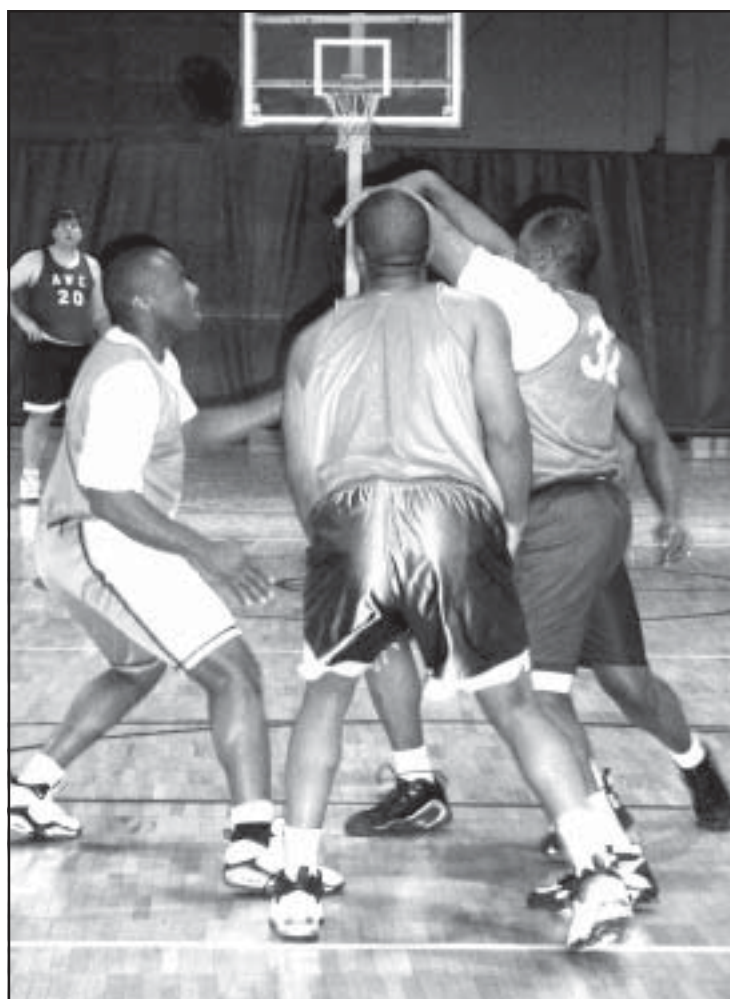
Formerly known as The Retired Officers Association, the MOAA will honor 100 college-bound or current undergraduate students with individual \$1,000 scholarship grants for the 2003-2004 school year. MOAA's Base/Post Scholarship program is part of an ongoing effort to assist young people from military families.

Of the few eligibility requirements, applicants must be under the age of 24 and provide basic information such as their SAT score and college. If an applicant served in the military before attending college, the maximum age for eligibility will be increased by the number of service years, up to five years.

Membership in MOAA is not mandatory, and there is no GPA requirement to be selected.

Semifinalists will be notified by e-mail in March and may be asked to provide more detailed information. The scholarships will be dispersed by late August.

For information and to apply for MOAA's Base/Post Scholarship program, go to <http://www.moaa.org/Education/2003>. (AFRC News Service)



Hoop action

Above, 908ers Quinton Rudolph, left, and Bishop Cochran press an Air War College player and right, Prentice Tucker goes to the free throw line during a 52-28 win Jan. 15. Derric Hall (18pts.), Clarence Thomas (15pts.) and Tucker (13pts.) were the leading scorers. The postseason basketball tournament begins Feb. 10. The 908 hoopsters hope to exceed their last season performance as base runners up.

February UTA Schedule

Time	Time	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, Feb. 7, 2003			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room
Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0830	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0830	1400	NBC Defense Training (Initial)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	1130	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1200	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 1055/Rm 1
0900	1030	3A0 Training - Official Mail/Document Security	Bldg. 848, Training Room (Upstairs)
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1230	1530	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	Units at Range M-9 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	CDC Testing (Course 5 - SNCOA CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 109/DPMS
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room
1730	TBD	Chief Induction Ceremony	Falcon's Nest/Gunter Annex
Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003			
0630	0700	Sign in	Orderly Room
0715	0815	PERSCO Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
0815	0900	Personnel In-house Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
0800	1400	NBC Defense Training (Initial)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0800	1200	Units at Range M-9 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1530	M-16 (Classroom/Firing) ASTS Only	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25 APS (Various locations)
0900	1000	SITS Training -- Everyone Welcome	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
0900	1030	3A0 Training - WGM -WKSTN Configuration Hardware	Bldg. 848, Trng Room (Upstairs)
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25 APS
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COM Flight
1000	1100	Career Advisors' Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room/CC
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1300	1400	Weapons Courier Meeting	Bldg. 1154, Deployment Classroom
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1400	1500	Chiefs' Group Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1430	1500	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1055/Classroom 2/CES
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630 Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100; 1200-1600	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

FY 03 UTA Dates

March 8-9, 03; April 5-6, 03; May 3-4, 03;
June 7-8, 03; July 12-13, 03; Aug. 9-10, 03;
Sept. 6-7, 03

February UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit's authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- * **The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.**

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:
Commercial: (334) 953-7332
DSN: 493-7332
E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil
Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the February UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Airlift Schedule

Aurora Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1830 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:
Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Aurora at 1830 local
Depart Aurora at 1845 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift
UTA pick-up schedule Friday:
Depart Maxwell at 1700 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local
Depart Dobbins at 1915 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local
Depart Huntsville at 1915 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1945 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local
Depart Huntsville at 1700 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local
Depart Dobbins at 1900 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local

Take Note



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CES star performer

Heating and air conditioning repairman Staff Sgt. Thomas Brookins is 908CES's 2002 NCO of the Year. Power production repairman Master Sgt. Robert Brettin and structural repairman Senior Airman Dennis Ellis were named Senior NCO and Airman of the Year, respectively.

Congratulations to the following people:

Promotions

....to Senior Master Sgt
Marlon E. Brandon, MXS
William E. Dunson, 25APS

Joseph D. Keen, MXS
Tyrone Williams, CF

....to Staff Sgt
Marcus B. Walker, OSF

Sharp troop

Right, 357AS squadron medical element technician Senior Airman Crystal Wilson is the Chief's Group January Sharp Troop Award recipient. Chief Master Sgt. Janet Beard, who nominated her said she's seen firsthand the qualities they look for in nominees. "I have had the pleasure of working with Senior Airman Wilson in the Physical Exam Section. She is aggressive, does her job with pride, and is always enthusiastic. She took it upon herself to research, learn and implement the overall SME training program during a complicated time. She volunteered to orient newly assigned members to the base and made them feel welcomed. When I interviewed her supervisory chain they said she was professional, a person of integrity and exhibited esprit de corps. And I agree" said Beard in describing Wilson's selection



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Shadow program

Right, Capt. Shawn Gregg, chief, 42ABW Base Exercise Evaluation Team, gets a firsthand look at the cockpit of a 908AW C-130H. Gregg was one of five active duty 42nd ABW personnel selected to experience a UTA drill with the 908th under the auspices of quarterly program instituted by 908AW Commander Col. James Stewart, and 42ABW Commander Col. Fran Martin. The program aims to give active duty personnel at Maxwell AFB an opportunity to better learn the role of the air force reserves. The participants get a chance to shadow a reservist with their AFSC and/or another AFSC that they're interested in. The first round of visits was capped off with a lunch and question and answer session with Colonel Stewart and his second in command, Col. C.W. Fox. Fox said the shadow program is "a win/win opportunity as it creates an excellent forum to communicate good ideas and best practices used by both 42ABW active duty personnel and 908AW reservists." Additionally, the program gives those active duty personnel additional insight about the air force reserve program should they consider it an alternative career opportunity in the future, Fox added. Along with Gregg, 2nd Lt. Mark Sideno and Tech. Sgt. John Ralston, 42MSS, Senior Airman Michael Seals, 42CF, and Airman JoAnne Castillo, 42MDG, took part in the inaugural session.



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